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SPRING/SUMMER 2006

Message from the City

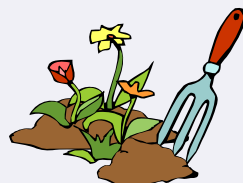
It's that time of the year again and City maintenance crews are once again gearing up to address the many issues that Spring and Summer will bring. Many hours will be spent cutting grass, cleaning streets and alleys and spraying weeds in an effort to control their growth. The mild temperatures this past winter allowed City crews to get a jump on many maintenance issues. Crews were out crack sealing streets, cutting brush, repairing curbs, installing handicap ramps and completed several tasks that are usually only undertaken during the summer months. The early start has allowed us to prepare an aggressive maintenance schedule for this Summer.

City Street Sweeping operations began March 1st and will continue through November. Be sure to check the posted signs for your street's scheduled day so we can keep our community as clean as possible. In addition, the City will once again be celebrating Litter-fest. During this event, residents of Newport will be permitted to dispose of debris at the City's garage at no cost. The date of this event will be announced.

Warmer weather triggers the City to increase its attention to community property and should also motivate our residents and business owners to increase their yard maintenance and care. Every year the City is required to issue citations to and assess private property owners for cutting and cleaning yards of privately owned property throughout the community. While the reasons for owners not maintaining their property are varied, the result is always the same; someone must cut the grass, and if not the owner, then the City has to act. This seemingly simple issue, if not addressed, can lead to a number of problems including affected property values and vermin. We ask you to do your part in keeping our City clean. Please keep your yard and surrounding areas free from tall grass, weeds, and trash.

If you see a neglected property, you can report it to Code Enforcement anonymously by phone 859-292-3637 or email the office at blight@newportky.gov.

Please also remember to properly care for and monitor any pets you are responsible for.



CITY ADMINISTRATION

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Mayor

Jerry R. Peluso
Vice Mayor

Jan Kneppshield
Commissioner

Beth Fennell
Commissioner

Robbie Hall
Commissioner

Thomas Fromme
Acting City Manager

William Ravenscraft
Acting Fire/EMS Chief

Gregory Engelman
Chief Financial Officer



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Residential Development & Rehabilitation

The following represent an array of new residential developments or rehabilitations in our community. These projects will continue to diversify the housing options available in Newport.

14th Street



Cookie Jar Apartments



Corpus Christi



**Estates at
Wiedemann Mansion**



Grand Towers



Hannaford



Liberty Row



Marx Cromer



Nelson Place



Park & Miller



SouthShore



Wiedemann Hill



Window Restoration Workshop

Fifteen Newport residents met at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Saturday morning, February 25 for a historic window restoration workshop. East Row resident Paul Blasing, who has extensive restoration experience, taught this free workshop.

Homeowners learned about the craftsmanship, functionality and high-grade materials inherent to the many century old windows that exist throughout the City. The fact that these features have lasted and operated for over 100 years attests to their expert construction and quality. While window work can be labor intensive, it is also a project that homeowners, with just a little know-how, can perform themselves. Workshop attendees learned about how to make epoxy repairs to missing pieces, rotted sections and holes in the wood. Conditioning wood and storm window options were also discussed. Glazing techniques were taught, and several students tried their hand at glass cutting. Many questions were answered, and those attending the class left with a stronger knowledge of how to protect their home's architectural features for the next century. For questions about or materials on window restoration, contact the Preservation Office at 859-292-3666 or email Historic Preservation Officer Emily Jarzen at ejarzen@newportky.gov.



City Staff Changes

- Evone Bradley, City Clerk, was hired on January 9, 2006.
- Duggin George, Police Officer, retired on January 31, 2006.
- Chief Larry Atwell retired February 28, 2006 from the Newport Fire/EMS Department after 19 years of service.
- Mark Weireman, Network Administrator, retired on February 28, 2006.
- Mark Hawkins was promoted to Crew Leader in Public Works on March 8, 2006.
- Linda Roesel was presented a service award at the April 3, 2006 Board of Commissioners meeting for 30 years of dedicated service to the City.
- John M. Volz was promoted to the position of Lieutenant/Medic in the Newport Fire/EMS Department at the March 20, 2006 Board of Commissioners meeting.



Small Business Lending Program Offered by Northern Kentucky Area Development District

Small businesses that have been unable to obtain financing for start-up or expansion projects may be eligible for a small business loan through the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD). This small business lending program is publicly-funded through the Economic Development Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Commonly referred to as the Revolving Loan Fund, a one-time grant to the NKADD is replenished as loan recipients repay their loans, then funds are lent to new borrowers. The fund provides one-time direct loans with fixed interest rates. Businesses must be located in Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, or Pendleton County to be eligible.

The goal of the NKADD Revolving Loan Fund is to provide a source of debt financing capital for small businesses that are unable to obtain sufficient private financing for projects deemed to be of economic benefit to an area and its workforce. The minimum loan amount is \$25,000, and the maximum is \$100,000. Funds may be used for acquisition of land and/or site preparation; building construction, acquisition, demolition, or renovation; purchase of equipment, machinery, fixtures, or other fixed assets; and working capital. Businesses in all industries: industrial, commercial, service and agricultural may qualify. Borrowers are required to contribute, at minimum, ten percent toward total project costs; and provide collateral of equal or greater value than the amount lent. Loan funds may be used in combination with other sources of financing as well. Creating and retaining jobs in Northern Kentucky is a key component to the success of the loan program, and it is expected that for every \$12,500 lent, one job will be created or retained.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the program is encouraged to contact Loan Fund Manager Tara Ford at 859-283-1885 or go to the NKADD website:

www.nkadd.org/CommunityEconomic/RevolvingLoanFund.asp

Newport Business Association

Officers

President	Joe Jennings
Vice President	Barbara Bonney
Secretary	Bob Brewster
Treasurer	Faye Wendel
Past President	Tom Beiting

Board Members

Robbie Hall, Debbie Kayse, Jan Knepshield, JoAnne Maley, Jaimie Niemczura, Marvin Polinsky, David Stevens, Jim Wagner, Donna Watts, Donna Weddle, Sal Wertheim, and Mark Yelton.

Recent meetings:

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 @ 7:30 AM
Brighton Center, 737 Ann Street, 3rd Floor

Amanda Trice is currently the Public Affairs Coordinator at the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. In this role, she helps to coordinate all of the chamber's public policy development committees, organizes advocacy events, and advocates for business-related health care and education issues in Frankfort. Amanda came to the chamber in 2005, after completing an international development program in East Africa.

Wednesday, April 26, 2006 @ 7:30 AM
Brighton Center, 737 Ann Street, 3rd Floor

Angie Taylor is currently the Vice President, Business and Industry Services at Gateway Community and Technical College.

Current members of the Newport Business Association and other Newport business managers/owners interested in learning more about the NBA are invited to attend.

Business Spotlight:

Beach's Sew and Vac

700 Monmouth Street

Phone: 859-431-1040

Fax: 859-431-1090

www.beachssewandvac.com

Beach's was established in 1960 and has four employees at its Newport location. The shop carries a wide variety of sewing machines and vacuums and also functions as a service center. Affordable used vacuum machines are also available for \$15 and up.

The store also provides numerous educational activities including sewing classes and the Sew Creative Club. The Sew Creative Club is an exciting forum designed to keep up with new techniques and products for all customers who have purchased machines at Beach's. Be inspired by learning tricks of the sewing world at lectures/demos, or experience it yourself with "Sit-and-Sew" hands-on classes. Topics include quilting, serging, wearable art techniques, quick gifts, and more. The club meets several times a year and the last meeting features a dinner and fashion show, where members can "share" the things they've made throughout the year. They can also win prizes by entering their masterpieces in the show.

Beach's also operates a second location in Fairfield, Ohio.



BB Riverboats

BB Riverboats held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, April 7, 2006 to celebrate its new home in Newport. Cruising on a BB Riverboat is more than just a remarkable view of the riverfront cities; it's a unique experience with quality entertainment and casual dining. Soak in the sights, sounds and ever-changing scenery as you relax and enjoy the feeling aboard a historical and beautiful boat. Whether it's lunch, dinner, a birthday party or any special event, BB Riverboats is always an unforgettable experience.



Recreational Events

May 1

Veteran's Memorial
Pool

Veteran's Memorial Pool Season Passes on Sale

Veteran's Memorial Pool is located on Carolyn Drive and features an olympic-size pool, diving well, wading baby pool and shelter. Certified lifeguards are on duty at all times. Season passes may be purchased for families or individuals at the Recreation Office in the Newport City Building, 292-3686.

May 7

Bernadette Watkins
Park
1pm – 4pm

Kids Carnival

The Kids Carnival features balloons, carnival games, food and drinks for children of all ages.

May 27

Veteran's Memorial Pool Opening

For daily admission prices and season pass information, contact Newport Recreation office at 292-3686.

May 29

City of Newport
9 am

Memorial Day Parade

The City's annual Memorial Day Parade will begin at the Campbell County Courthouse and travel south on Monmouth Street to the City Building at Tenth and Monmouth. A ceremony honoring all Veterans will take place in front of the City Building immediately following the parade.

June 14

All City Parks

Snow Cones in the Parks

Newport Parks & Recreation Snow Cone Man will be coming to area parks with free snow cones for all park visitors. Call 292-3686 for specific times.

July 19

All City Parks

Sundaes in the Parks

The Recreation Ice Cream Car will stop at all area parks to make free ice cream sundaes for all park visitors. Call 292-3686 for specific times.

August 6

Newport High School

Junior Olympics

This track meet features various cities throughout Campbell county. If you are between the ages of 5 and 18 and are interested in participating in this meet, call your local Recreation Department to join a team for a chance to win a medal in one of several track and field events.

The Senior Games of Northern Kentucky

Grab your bowling ball, golf clubs, tennis racket and fishing pole and join us for a great week of fun events for everyone age 50 and older. Show the world you still have what it takes to toss a horseshoe, sink a basketball and slide your shuffleboard puck right on to the 10 points mark. Choose from even more events, including cornhole, bocce ball, disc golf, billiards and a whole range of track and field competitions. It's fun for serious competitors and for everyone who just wants to get out and get moving. Registration fee of \$15 covers all events, including tee shirts and medals for the top three winners in all age groups. Games are scheduled from May 16 to May 22 and held in locations throughout Northern Kentucky. For more information and to get a registration form, contact Northern Kentucky Senior Games at NKADD, 859-283-1885. Additional information on Senior Services of Northern Kentucky is available at www.seniorservicesnky.org.

1st ANNUAL NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT/FOP LODGE # 2 KIDS FISHING DERBY

On Saturday June 17, 2006 from 9am-1pm the Newport Police Department and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #2 will hold a Kids Fishing Derby at the Bob White Club in Alexandria, Kentucky. Bus transportation will be provided from the Newport Police Department.

All kids in attendance will receive a new fishing pole and a tee shirt. There will be trophies for the largest fish for each age group. Age groups will be as follows; ages- 5-6; 7-8; 9-10; 11-12; and 13-15.

The kids will be supervised by volunteers. Parents are welcome to come and help with their kids. Hotdogs will be served along with water to drink. Other drinks will be available for purchase from the Bob White Club. There will also be games available for the kids to play.

The buses will leave the Newport Police Department by 8:15am and will return to the department at approximately 1:45pm. Anyone interested in attending this event **MUST PRE-REGISTER** for the event. This is crucial as we are only taking the first 100 kids due to space availability. You can pre-register by calling the police records department at 859-292-3634, emailing Capt. Niemeier at hniemeier@police.newportky.gov or by filling out the below registration form and submitting it to the Newport Police Department at 998 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY 41071, to the attention of Capt. Niemeier. This form can also be dropped off at the police records department.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 9, 2006 ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH KID ATTENDING

Kid's Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Kid's age _____

Parent Contact name _____

NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Fair- May 20, 2006 10:30 am

Kids Fishing Derby- June 17, 2006 9am-1pm

Senior Day at the Levee- June 28, 2006

National Night Out 2006- July 31, 2006 6pm-9pm

For additional information about these events contact Capt. Howard Niemeier at 859-292-3611 or email hniemeier@police.newportky.gov

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Mark Your Calendars

May 1	Newport Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 11	NCAC Meeting
May 15	Newport Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 29	Memorial Day (City offices closed)
May 30	Newport Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 31	Newport Business Association Meeting
June 8	NCAC Meeting
June 12	Newport Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 26	Newport Board of Commissioners Meeting

NKADD Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Service, Citizen Corps, and Citizen Preparedness

We invite you to attend an informative workshop on ***Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Service, Citizen Corps, and Citizen Preparedness***. In cooperation with the City of Fort Thomas Police, Fire and Recreation departments, the workshop will be held on **Tuesday, May 9, 2006**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fort Thomas Community Center, located at 100 Cochran Street (Tower Park) in Fort Thomas. *A complimentary meal will be available beginning at 5:45 pm.*

This multi-part workshop will cover topics of hazards in Kentucky; the benefits of being prepared; how to develop, practice and maintain emergency plans; and what should be done before, during and after a disaster to protect you, your family and your property. In addition, an awareness program on ***Neighborhood Watch and Volunteers in Police Service*** will be presented to provide citizens with information on opportunities to volunteer and become involved with local police departments.

To find out more about this session, please contact Lisa Cooper or Paul Archual at NKADD, 859-283-1885 or lisa.cooper@nkadd.org or paul.archual@nkadd.org.

Please RSVP to Lisa Cooper at 859-283-1885 or lisa.cooper@nkadd.org **by May 5, 2006**, if you plan to attend. *This session is free and open to the public, but space is limited and reservations are required.*